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SUBJ: UNITA PRESIDENT SAVIMBI VISITS DAKAR

1. SUMMARY: SAVIMBI HAS COMPLETED TOUR OF SIX AFRICAN COUNTRIES WITH DAKAR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR. UNITA LEADER TOLD PRESS MILITARY SITUATION IN ANGOLA HAD CHANGED COMPLETELY, AND UNITA NOW PREPARED TO ENTER DIALOGUE WITH MPLA. SAVIMBI EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN OAU PEACE MISSION, BUT FORESAW POSSIBILITY OF UN INTERVENTION IF AFRICAN EFFORT FAILS. SAVIMBI  
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ASSERTED FNLA-UNITA COALITION WOULD BE RECOGNIZED BY MAJORITY OF

OAU MEMBER STATES, WHILE MPLA COULD ONLY CLAIM SOVIET BLOC AND DOZEN AFRICAN STATES. HE REJECTED IDEA OF UNITA-MPLA RECONCILIATION EXCLUDING FNLA. SAVIMBI ASSERTED ALL THREE MOVEMENTS HAD RESISTED RECENT SOUTH AFRICAN INCURSION. END SUMMARY.

2. MPLA PRESIDENT JONAS SAVIMBI VISITED DAKAR OVER PAST WEEKEND, MET WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR ON EVE OF LATTER'S DEPARTURE ON MIDDLE EAST TRIP, AND ACCORDED INTERVIEW TO GOVERNMENT-DIRECTED NEWSPAPER LE SOLEIL, WHICH APPEARED IN OCT 27 EDITION. SAVIMBI REPORTEDLY WAS COMPLETING AFRICAN CIRCUIT WHICH TOOK HIM TO ZAMBIA, CAMEROON, TOGO, LIBERIA AND IVORY COAST, FOLLOWING MANSYOF SAME STOPS MADE EARLIER THIS MONTH BY UNITA SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, KAKUMBA MARQUES (DAKAR 5682, NOTAL). SAVIMBI REPORTEDLY STATED HE MADE TRIP NOT ONLY TO INFORM AFRICAN LEADERS OF ANGOLAN SITUATION BUT ALSO TO ASK THAT THEY INTERVENE WITH FRIENDS OF MPLA TO PERSUADE LATTER TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE ON DR NETO. HIGHLIGHTS OF SAVIMBI'S REMARKS ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW AS THEY APPEARED IN LE SOLEIL INTERVIEW, WHICH IS BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT, LUANDA AND LISBON.

3. SAVIMBI SAID UNITA WAS READY TO ENTER INTO DIALOGUE WITH MPLA. IN LAST TEN DAYS MILITARY SITUATION HAD COMPLETELY CHANGED, WITH MPLA LOSING MORE AND MORE OF POSITIONS IT HAD OCCUPIED. IT WAS CERTAIN THAT NONE OF THREE MOVEMENTS COULD WIN MILITARY VICTORY. EACH OF THREE MOVEMENTS COULD HAVE ALLIES AND RECEIVE SUFFICIENT ARMS TO CONTINUE WAR, BUT ONLY ANGOLAN PROPLE WOULD SUFFER. SAVIMBI SAID "WE MUST HAVE POLITICAL COURAGE TO SEEK COMPROMISE IN ORDER TO END WAR." HE CALLED IT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY THAT DIVISION OF ANGOLA BE AVOIDED.

4. SAVIMBI RECALLED THAT IT WAS UNITA WHICH HAD CALLED FOR SENDING OF RECENT OAU MISSION TO ANGOLA. HE SAID UNITA STILL THOUGHT THAT OAU MUST HELP ANGOLANS REACH UNDERSTANDING. SAVIMBI SAID OAU MISSION HAD LEFT VERY GOOD IMPRESSION. DESPITE MPLA SYMPATHIES OF THREE MEMBERS OF OAU MISSION, "WE HAVE CONFIDENCE IN MISSION AND ARE CONVINCED THAT ITS CONCLUSIONS WILL BE OBJECTIVE." SAVIMBI SAID "WE DO NOT WISH UN INTERVENTION, BUT IF AFRICA CANNOT DO ANYTHING, NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO PREVENT UN FROM SENDING PEACEKEEPING FORCE."

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5. SAVIMBI SAID IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS TO DECLARE INDEPENDENCE UNILATERALLY IN MANNER ENVISAGED BY MPLA. MPLA GOVERNMENT WOULD BE RECOGNIZED BY DOZEN AFRICAN STATES, WHILE IF FNLA AND UNITA WERE TO FORM GOVERNMENT IT WOULD BE RECOGNIZED BY MAJORITY OF 45 OAU MEMBER STATES. EVEN THOUGH "ALL COUNTRIES OF SOVIET BLOC ARE READY TO RECOGNIZE MPLA GOVERNMENT," LATTER COULD NEVER WIN DIPLOMATIC VICTORY AGAINST FNLA-UNITA COALITION. SAVIMBI

SAID ACCORDING TO HIS SOUNDINGS, PORTUGUESE INTENDED TO RECONCILE UNITA WITH MPLA AND BRUSH FNLA ASCFE. UNITA COULD NEVER ACCEPT SUCH SOLUTION BECAUSE IT HAD NO INTEREST IN REJECTING ZAIRE WHICH SHARED LONG FRONTIER. MPLA COMMITTED GRAVE ERROR IN HOSTILITY TO ZAIRE, "BECAUSE ONE DOES NOT CHOOSE ONE'S NEIGHBORS."

6. SAVIMBI STATED THERE WERE NO MERCENARIES IN UNITA RANKS, ALTHOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED MPLA HAD CAPTURED ALLEGED FNLA MERCENARIES. MPLA, HOWEVER, HAD RECRUITED 4,000 KATANGAN GENDARMES (WITH PORTUGUESE COMPLICITY) AND HAD CUBAN, RUSSIAN AND VIETNAMESE MERCENARIES,(UNITA HAD CAPTURED KATANGANS,

CUBANS AND MOZAMBICANS FIGHTING WITH MPLA. MPLA THUS HAD NO MORAL RIGHT TO CRITICIZE FNLA ON MERCENARIES.

7. SAVIMBI CONFIRMED SOUTH AFRICA HAD OCCUPIED SOUTHERN ANG-

OLA PROVINCE OF CUNENNE, AND SAID ALL THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS HAD TRIED TO RESIST. BUT SOUTH AFRICANS HAD HAD IRRESISTIBLE FIRE POWER (90 ARMORED VEHICLES AND 25 HELICOPTERS).

8. LE SOLEIL'S MAM LESS DIA, WHO INTERVIEWED SAVIMBI, HAD VISITED ANGOLA LAST MONTH. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HE WAS MPLA SYMPATHIZER, HE REMARKED THAT HE HAD FOUND SOMEWHAT DISARMING SAVIMBI'S GLOW OF SINCERITY AND HIS EXPRESSED WILL TO RECONCILE ANGOLAN PEOPLE AND END WAR.

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